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SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS

On the Sunday School Lesson by
 Rev. Dr. Linscott For the International Newspaper Bible Study Club.

March 28th, 1909.

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 Temperance Lesson. Proverbs xxiii: 29-35.

Golden Text—At last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder. Proverbs xxiii:32.

Verses 29-30—Is strong drink as a beverage in so called moderation, good for any body?

Do all who drink habitually receive injury as a result?

Should alcohol be used in any form as a medicine?

Is it safe or prudent, for people in good health to take intoxicating drink as a beverage?

What classes in the community are suffering from the drinking habit, directly and indirectly?

Why do athletes generally abstain from drinking when they are in training for a contest?

What are the signs by which you can nearly always tell a drinking man?

Verses 31-32—What evil is likely to result if any, when a good man, who does not drink, stands at the bar and "looks" on, while his companions are drinking?

What can you say of a man who will not drink himself but treats others?

How would you characterize a temperance man who votes for a man, or a party, pledged to support the liquor traffic?

How many evils can you trace to strong drink?

Think of all the popular habits that tend to evil, and compare them with the evils of the drink habit, and say which habit is the greater curse to the nation?

What is the fascination which draws so many thousands of victims to the drink habit?

If the country towns and cities, were overrun with "serpents and "adders," which were biting and causing the death of thousands, what steps would likely be taken to eradicate the plague?

Seeing that all practically admit that the evils of the liquor traffic, are more virulent than "serpents" and "adders" could be, how do you explain the apathy of the nation in getting rid of this monster evil? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

Verses 33—Does licentiousness, and impurity of thought, generally accompany the appetite for strong drink, as this verse seems to suggest?

Verses 34-35—Does drinking always produce moral, as well as physical, anaesthesia, deadening the soul to the foulest crimes?

Men under the influence of alcohol are often grievously hurt, sometimes almost frozen to death, and are unconscious of the hurt at the time, and when they get better keep on drinking. How do you account for it?

Lesson for Sunday, April 4th, 1909.
 —Peter and Cornelius. Acts x:1-48.

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course herein outlined, barring only ordained clergymen. All who have not joined are warmly invited to do so and to compete for the prizes.

Persons may join the club at any time during the year, but must, of course answer the 52 questions hereinafter explained, to qualify for the prizes, and the back questions may be obtained from this office.

This paper has secured the right to publish the International Sunday School Lessons by Rev. Dr. Linscott, which have aroused so much interest elsewhere, and they will appear weekly. One of these questions each week is to be answered in writing, and upon these answers the prizes are to be awarded.

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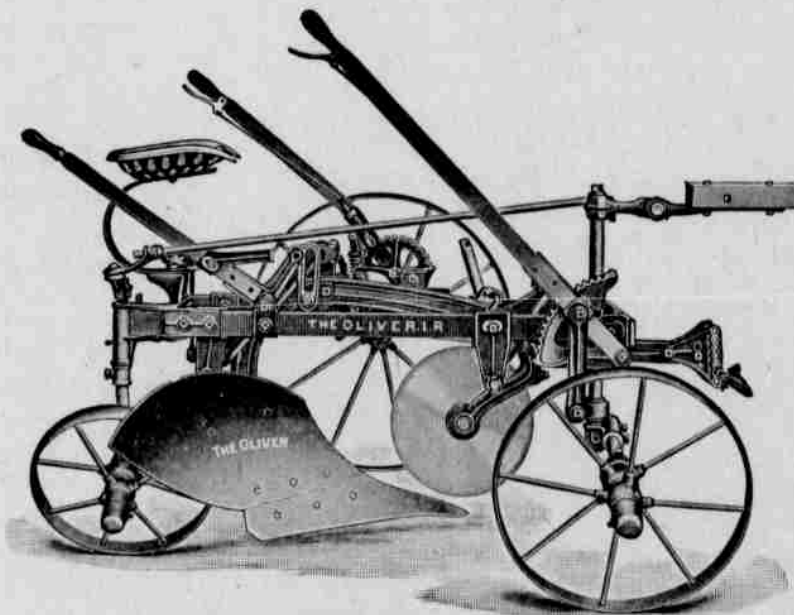
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